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# COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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PERFORMANCE OF BSNL AND MTNL
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the share of public sector Companies in all overall telephone connection is declining;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the resons therefor during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has formulated any action plan for BSNL and MTNL in order for enable them to compete effectively against the private sector telecom companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State wise?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD )

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The overall share of the public sector companies has declined from 94.98% in March, 2002 to 56% in October, 2004. However, it is further noted that while the share of PSU in fixed phones has decreased from 98.65% to 91.39%, in the mobile segment their share has increased form 3.98% to 20.21% during this period. The detail of last three years is as under:-

| Sl. No. | Year | Total Phone (in Million) | Public sector (in Million) | Private Sector (in Million) | % of PSU Operators Share | % Share of Pvt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2001-2002 | 45.26 | 3.46 | 6.80 | 84.98 | 15.02 |
| 2. | 2002-2003 | 54.62 | 43.17 | 11.45 | 79.04 | 20.96 |
| 3 | 2003-2004 | 76.51 | 46.48 | 30.03 | 60.76 | 39.24 |
| 4 | 2004-2005 (October, 2004) | 88.62 | 49.32 | 39.30 | 56.00 | 44.00 |

The decline in the overall share has been because of the increasing competition and greater participation of the private operators providing telecom services.

(c) & (d) The Government has projected a target of additional 10 crore to 15 crore phones by 2007 for both public and private sector operators. BSNL and MTNL are expected to plan and contribute a substantial share of this target. However, for the year 2004-2005, the state-wise targets are given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

State-wise target for the year 2004-05

| SL.NO. | NAME OF CIRCLE | TARGET |
|---|---|---|

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | BIHAR | 438300 |
| 2. | CHHATTISGARH | 102900 |
| 3. | UTTAR PRADESH (EAST) | 586600 |
| 4. | ASSAM | 213600 |
| 5. | WEST BENGAL | 532000 |
| 6. | JHARKHAND | 151000 |
| 7 | MADHYA PRADESH | 332200 |
| 8. | ORISSA | 319200 |
| 9. | NORTH EAST-2 | 23000 |
| 10. | UTTAR PRADESH (WEST) | 362500 |
| 11. | JAMMU & KASHMIR | 102100 |
| 12. | NORTH EAST-1 | 116800 |
| 13. | RAJASTHAN | 641700 |
| 14. | ANDHRA PRADESH | 639700 |
| 15. | UTTARNCHAL | 139900 |
| 16. | MAHARASHTRA | 965500 |
| 17. | TAMILNADU | 548600 |
| 18. | KARNATAKA | 434400 |
| 19. | HARYANA | 375000 |
| 20. | GUJARAT | 663000 |
| 21. | HIMACHAL PRADESH | 147700 |
| 22. | PUNJAB | 548000 |
| 23. | KOLKATTA | 351700 |
| 24. | KERALA | 1018000 |
| 25. | ANDAMAN & NICOBAR | 9900 |
| 26. | CHENNAI | 236700 |
| 27. | DELHI AND BOMBAY(MTNL) | 500000 |
| TOTAL | | 10500000 |